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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHAIRMEN, NSC/INTERDEPARTMENTAL GROUPS

AF - Mr. Palmer
ARA - Mr. Meyer
EA - Mr. Bundy
EUR - Mr. Hillenbrand
NEA - Mr. Sisco

SUBJECT : IPMG Guidance to IGs on Base Study Review

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Mr. Kissinger, subject "World-Wide Base Study, dtd April 2, 1969 (TAB A)

In reference memorandum the NSC Review Group directs the following IPMG actions on the State-Defense Base Study:

1. Coordinate with other NSC Interdepartmental Groups to assure that attention is given to the specific base problems raised in the study;

2. Review the overall base question in coordination with the NSSM-3 action; and

3. Submit to the NSC Review Group by 15 August 1969 an overall report on major base issues including a discussion of alternative policies.

The IPMG has agreed on the following guidance supplemental to that in reference memorandum:

1. The IGs should identify those base actions that are required, desirable or likely within the next two years. Security treaty and base agreement renewals, elections, foreign aid phaseouts and similar foreseeable events affecting base tenure should be examined carefully in identification of problem areas.

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2. The IGs should provide the IPMG by May 16, 1969, a brief status report on actions taken, underway or anticipated, with respect to each of the base problems. Any base problem not covered in the Base Study should be reported on as appropriate. The desired format for papers is at TAB B. Their reports will provide the basis for a IPMG response to the directive for IPMG coordination of specific base problems.

3. It generally is clear which IG is responsible for which section of the Study. Both NEA/IG and AF/IG should comment on the MEAFSA section. NEA/IG should comment on the Indian Ocean section but should include any views of EA/IG and AF/IG.

The IPMG will assure coordination of the overall base question in conjunction with the NSSM-3 action, calling on IGs for assistance as required. The matter of the August 15, 1969, report^o will be the subject of further guidance at a later date.

As a separate action, IGs should notify the Staff Director of the IPMG of requirements to distribute the Base Study to embassies. Such requests should be held to the minimum necessary and in each case should specify the Volumes of the Study to be provided.

This guidance supersedes that contained in my memorandum, subject above, dated January 10, 1969.

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